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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1113

By Caldwell

A RESOLUTION to commend Gordon Worley for his 24 years of honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the Anderson County Election Commission.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is also appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who, in their years of work, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Worley is one such person who has served with probity for 24 years with the Anderson County Election Commission. Nine of those years have been spent in distinguished service as Chairman of the Election Commission; and

WHEREAS, the longevity of Mr. Worley's impeccable career stemmed from his tremendous love for public service and his community; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure, Mr. Worley has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, under the guidance of Mr. Worley, the Anderson County Election Commission enhanced the voting system through the installation of electronic machines and

through the installation of a computerized voter registration system; he has also been a proponent of raising the pay of election workers; and

WHEREAS, his remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, he is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Worley is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Clata, their two daughters, Heather and Ramona, and granddaughter, Erin; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Worley is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to Gordon Worley our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors, even as we pay tribute to his exemplary career as a member of the Anderson County Election Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.